**Department: Water Resources** 

Description: Language Reconsideration for FY 2021 Cash Transfer

## 1. Background:

The Department of Water Resources Budget was corrected on March 4th, with the below language directing the State Controller to transfer \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund, and transfer \$700,000 from the General Fund to the Water Management Fund. This motion would remove the \$300,000 transfer, and redirect that funding towards flood mitigation projects instead.

SECTION 5. CASH TRANSFER FOR THE COOPERATIVE CLOUD SEEDING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated and the State Controller shall transfer \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund created pursuant to Section 42-1780, Idaho Code, on July 1, 2020, or as soon thereafter as practicable for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, for operations and maintenance costs, capital expenditures, and research and development costs for the Cooperative Cloud Seeding Program.

SECTION 6. CASH TRANSFER FOR THE FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated and the State Controller shall transfer \$700,000 from the General Fund to the Water Management Fund created pursuant to Section 42-1760, Idaho Code, on July 1, 2020, or as soon thereafter as practicable for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, water quality data collection, monitoring, modeling, flood-damaged repair, stream improvement, channel channel flood reduction, or flood prevention projects. Of these moneys, up to \$500,000 shall be administered by the Idaho Water Resource Board through a competitive, matching grant process for projects. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 42-1760(2)(b), Idaho Code, grants may be larger than \$50,000 at the discretion of the The selection process for these grants shall require the availability of fifty percent (50%) matching funds, and prevention and mitigation projects shall be given priority competitive statewide basis throughout Idaho. The Department of Water Resources shall support this competitive grant process using existing personnel and resources.

- 2. Reopen FY 2021 Budget: Requires unanimous consent or 2/3 roll call vote to reopen.
  - "I request unanimous consent to reopen the fiscal year 2021 budget for the Department of Water Resources."
- 3. Motion: Role call vote for authorization of expenditures
  - "I move to replace Sections 5 and 6 of the intent language for the Department of Water Resources as accepted by the Joint Finance Appropriation Committee on March 4th with the new Section 5 as shown on the screen for fiscal year 2021."

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## **New Section 5 of IDWR Intent Language:**

SECTION 5. CASH TRANSFER FOR THE FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated and the State Controller transfer \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Water Management Fund created pursuant to Section 42-1760, Idaho Code, on July 1, 2020, or as soon thereafter as practicable for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, for water quality data collection, monitoring, modeling, flood-damaged stream channel repair, stream channel improvement, flood risk reduction, or flood prevention projects. Of these moneys, up to \$800,000 shall be administered by the Idaho Water Resource Board through a competitive, matching grant process for flood control projects. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 42-1760(2)(b), Idaho Code, grants may be larger than \$50,000 at the discretion of the board. The selection process for these grants shall require the availability of fifty percent (50%) matching funds, and flood prevention and mitigation projects shall be given priority on a competitive statewide basis throughout Idaho. The Department of Water Resources shall support this competitive grant process using existing personnel resources.